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SUBJECT: SOVIET SUBMARINES IN THE BALTIC: NORWEGIAN REACTION

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1. NORWEGIAN REACTION TO THE ANNOUNCED PRESENCE OF SOVIET
SUBMARINES IN THE BALTIC HAS, AFTER AN INITIAL PRESS FLURRY,
BEEN LOW KEY.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY PRESS SPOKESMAN EGIL HEGGE, IN A MARCH 2
STATEMENT, EXPRESSED GON CONCERN OVER THE STATIONING
OF THE NUCLEAR ARMED SUBMARINES IN THE BALTIC BUT SAID
THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO QUESTION OF A DIPLOMATIC REACTION
TO DATE.

3. MFA DIRECTOR OF NATO AFFAIRS WIKBERG, IN A MARCH 3
DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF, STATED THAT GON AUTHORITIES HAD
BEEN AWARE OF THE SUBMARINES' PRESENCE FOR SOME TIME.

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WIKBERG INDICATED THAT THE SUBMARINES' STATIONING
IN THE BALTIC DID NOT APPEAR TO REPRESENT A MAJOR
SHIFT IN THE NORWEGIAN DEFENSE SITUATION.

4. SENIOR DEFENSE OFFICIALS IN CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBOFF
HAVE TAKEN A SIMILAR VIEW OF THE NEWS STORIES ABOUT
THE SOVIET SUBMARINES.

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